



Senator Sherrod Brown

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act *An Investment in Education in Ohio*

What does the economic recovery package mean for Ohio?

- Creates or saves 133,000 jobs in Ohio.
- Provides **critical tax cuts** for an estimated 4.5 million middle class Ohioans through the Making Work Pay Tax Credit and relief from the Alternative Minimum Tax for 884,000 Ohioans.
- **Saves money, reduces energy consumption, and creates jobs** through energy efficiency programs.
- Invests \$68 million in targeted communities hard hit by job loss and high unemployment by **retraining dislocated workers** and helping communities build regional industry clusters.
- Improves education throughout the state by **investing in local school districts and public colleges and universities.**

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN **FEDERAL COMPETITIVE GRANTS** AND **STATE FUNDING** IN THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY PACKAGE?

- **Federal agencies will be accepting proposals for Federal Competitive Grants beginning in March.** See below for information on how to apply. Program and agency information on energy funding is listed on the reverse of this page. For additional information, visit Senator Brown's website at www.brown.senate.gov or the President's webpage www.recovery.gov.
- Much of the state funding will be distributed via noncompetitive formula grants. The State of Ohio will be distributing this formula funding at its discretion and is accepting project proposals at www.recovery.ohio.gov

How to Apply for Federal Competitive Grants

The economic recovery package will help to rebuild our economy and put Americans back to work through targeted investment and competitive grants for key programs in vital economic areas.

Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for competitive grants will be available beginning in **March 2009**. In order to apply for a federal competitive grant, you must complete the www.grants.gov registration process.

Please register early so you are prepared to apply for grants as soon as they are available. Additional information about grants will be listed at www.brown.senate.gov as soon as RFPs are available.

How to sign up for Federal Competitive Grants

1. Go to www.grants.gov and complete the online registration.
2. Visit www.brown.senate.gov for important updates.
3. Senator Brown's office will hold Federal Assistance Workshops to help you apply. For more details, please visit www.brown.senate.gov/ohio/constituent_services/workshops/.

What does the economic recovery package mean for **EDUCATION** in Ohio?

In order to compete in the 21st Century, we must have a well-educated workforce capable of adapting to an ever-changing economic environment. Investing in education now will ensure that the next generation of Ohio's workers are ready and able to meet the challenge of global competition. The investment in Ohio's education includes:

- **\$1.8 billion** to local school districts and public colleges and universities through the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund.
- **\$437.7 million** for Special Education Part B State Grants to help improve educational outcomes for individuals with disabilities.
- **\$23 million** in education technology funds to purchase up-to-date computers and software and provide professional development to ensure the technology is used effectively in the classroom.
- **\$472.4 million** for Title I Education for the Disadvantaged.

According to the White House, the economic recovery plan provides funding sufficient to **modernize at least 369 schools in Ohio** so that our children have the labs, classrooms, and libraries they need to learn and compete in the 21st century economy. The economic recovery package also includes more Pell Grants for the 269,000 Ohioans.

See the other side for more information on funding opportunities for these and other education programs

Senator Brown's office will hold **Federal Assistance Workshops** to help you apply. For details, go to www.brown.senate.gov/ohio/constituent_services/workshops/

For more information about the economic recovery package, visit www.brown.senate.gov

Economic Recovery Funding for Education

Listed below are programs that received economic recovery package funding. Visit the links for details on each program.

Requests for Proposals (RFPs) will be made available from each agency and program.

Additional information about Department of Education recovery programs is available at www.ed.gov/recovery.

State Fiscal Stabilization Fund

www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/factsheet/stabilization-fund.html

Ohio Allocation: \$1.8 billion

The **State Fiscal Stabilization Fund** is a one-time program of the economic recovery package. Funds are distributed directly to the state. The Governor is required to use 81.8% for the support of elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education as well as early childhood education programs and services. The remaining 18.2% will be used for other high priority needs such as public safety and other critical services.

Title I Education for the Disadvantaged

www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/factsheet/title-i.html
www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/titlei/fy09recovery/ohio.pdf

Ohio Allocation: \$472.4 million

This funding will help close the achievement gap and enable disadvantaged students to reach their potentials. Funds will go to schools that have high concentrations of students from families that live in poverty and will create an unprecedented opportunity for educators to implement innovative strategies that improve education for at-risk students and close the achievement gaps while also stimulating the economy. Currently serving 18 million students across the county, the additional funding will enable school to serve more students and boost the quality of teaching and learning.

Special Education Part B State Grants

www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/factsheet/idea.html

Ohio Allocation: \$437.7 million

Funds will be distributed to state and local educational agencies to help them ensure that children with disabilities, including children aged three through five, have access to a free appropriate public education to meet each child's unique needs and prepare him or her for further education, employment, and independent living.

Education Technology Funds

www.ed.gov/programs/edtech/index.html

Ohio Allocation: 423 million

Funding can be used by state and local educational agencies to purchase up-to-date computers and software and provide professional development to ensure the technology is used effectively in the classroom.

College Affordability

www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html

The Act includes significant funding to help families offset the cost of a college education.

- **\$17 billion** (nationally) to close the shortfall in the Pell Grant program (see below)
- **\$200 million** (nationally) for the College Work Study
- **\$13.8 billion** (nationally) to boost the tuition tax credit from \$1,800 to \$2,500 for families earning up to \$180,000

Pell Grants

www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09recoveryPELLbystate.pdf

Ohio Allocation: \$975.7 million

An estimated **269,000** low-income undergraduate students in Ohio will benefit from increased funding for Federal Pell Grants, which offset costs associated with postsecondary education. For fiscal 2009-10, the maximum Pell Grant award per student will be \$5,350, with a discretionary maximum award amount of \$4,860.

Job Training Programs

www.dol.gov/recovery/ or jfs.ohio.gov/workforce/

Ohio Allocation: \$153 million

Funds will be distributed by the State of Ohio and will be used for:

- **\$15.3 million** — State Employment Service Grants: To match unemployed individuals to job openings through state employment service agencies and allow Ohio to provide customized reemployment services.
- **\$68 million** — Dislocated Workers State Grants: To support immediate and long-term strategies for regions and communities to meet their needs for skilled workers, and to build targeted industry clusters
- **\$23.6 million** — Department of Labor's Adult State Grants and **\$56.7 million** for Youth State Grants
- **\$20.8 million** — Vocational Rehabilitation to help individuals with disabilities prepare for and sustain gainful employment